

# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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### TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT

## Planning Board Hearing of September 6, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Case No./Petitioner: PB 380 - Cascade Walther, LLC

Subject: PB 380 (Weller Property/SP-06-12)

Request: For Planning Board approval of a preliminary equivalent sketch plan (SP-06-12) for

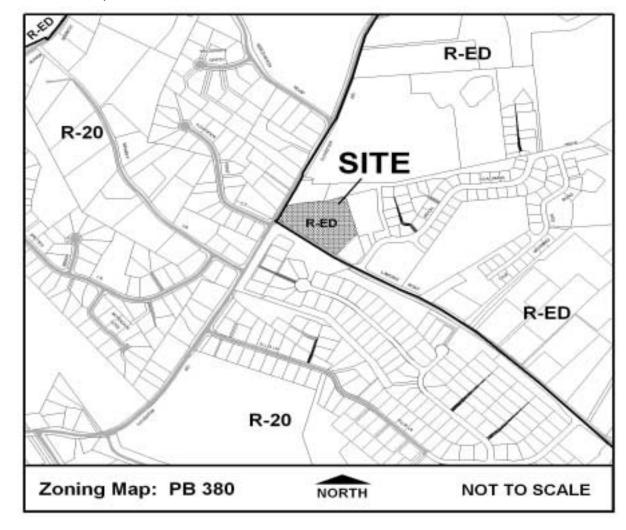
seven (7) single family detached (SFD) lots and two (2) open space lots in a R-ED (Residential: Environmental Development) zoning district in accordance with Section

107.E of the Zoning Regulations.

<u>Location:</u> The subject site is located on the northeast corner of Ilchester and Landing Roads in

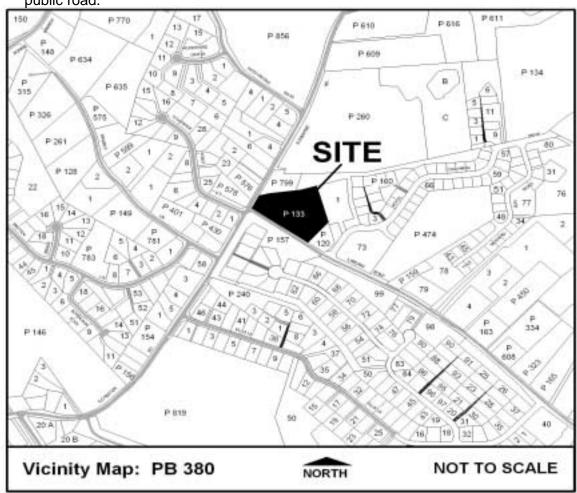
the First Election District of Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 4.05 acres of land identified as Tax Map Parcel 133 on Tax Map 31. It is located within the

Metropolitan District also.



### Vicinal Properties:

The subject site is bounded on the north by Tax Map Parcel 799, zoned R-ED and improved with a SFD unit and Cascade Overlook, Section 1, Open Space Lot 75, zoned R-ED, unimproved with a retention forest conservation easement located on it; on the east by Cascade Overlook, Section 1, Lot 1, zoned R-ED, improved with a SFD unit and Tax Map Parcel 120, zoned R-ED, improved with a SFD unit; on the south side by Landing Road, a public road; and on the west by Ilchester Road, a public road.



#### **General Comments:**

- A. The subject site was properly posted with two (2) official Planning Board Hearing notices.
- B. Evidence of legal advertisement of the hearing notice has been submitted by the Petitioner.
- C. This project is subject to the Amended Fifth Edition of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations, the Zoning Regulations, the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, the Forest Conservation Manual and the Landscape Manual.

#### D. Site and Density Information

405
Gross project acreages4.05± acres
Area of 100 year floodplain0
Area of steep slopes outside of a floodplain0
Net project acreage
Max. density permitted at 2 dwelling units/buildable lots per net acre8 dwelling units
Total number of dwelling units/buildable lots proposed
1 existing SFD unit to remain on 7 buildable lots
Proposed dwelling unit density per net acre
Proposed acreage of the 7 buildable lots
Proposed public road R/W widening dedication acreage
Min. area of open space required at 50% of gross acreage
Total acreage (percentage) of proposed open space2.05± acres (50.6%)
Non-credited open spaces proposed0
Credited open space acreage (percentage) proposed2.05± acres (50.6%)
Number of proposed open space lots2
Recreational is open space not required for projects with less than 11 dwelling units

E. The subject site is improved with a SFD unit that is proposed to remain on proposed Lot 7. An unnamed intermittent stream is located on adjacent Tax Map Parcel 120 and Cascade Overlook, Section 1, Lot 1, and contacts the east corner of the subject site, and a 50 foot stream buffer is referenced from this stream onto the eastern area of the site on proposed Open Space Lot 8. There is a wetland and a springhead located on the eastern area of the site with a 25 foot wetland buffer referenced from the wetland and a 50 foot stream buffer referenced from the springhead on proposed Open Space Lot 8.

With the exception of an open lawn area around the existing SFD unit, its driveway and a driveway along the north area that was used by other properties in the past, that is now to be removed, the site is predominately forested.

- F. This project consists of 7 proposed SFD lots on 1.26± acres and 2 proposed open space lots, to be dedicated to a homeowners association (HOA), on 2.05± acres.
  - 1. The proposed SFD lots are located in the center of the site from Landing Road to the north parcel line.
  - 2. The proposed open space is located on the west area of the site in Open Space Lot 9 and on the east area of the site in Open Space Lot 8. Open Space Lot 9 is predominately forested with most of the forest on it to be retained within proposed forest conservation easement (FCE) #2, which will also contain a small area of reforestation planting. Open Space Lot 8 is predominately forested with the forest not to be removed being retained along its east area within proposed FCE #1, which will also contain a small area of reforestation planting. The onsite wetlands, 25 foot wetland buffer, a springhead, 50 foot stream buffer and a proposed stormwater management facility (SWMF) will also be located on Open Space Lot 8.
  - 3. Vehicular access to the site and its lots will be provided by one proposed public access place that will extend from Landing Road northward to a central area of the site where it will terminate in a tee-turnaround.

- G. This project is exempt from the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Roads Test because this site is located more than 1-1/2 miles from the nearest intersection of two (2) major collector roadways. This project is located in the Rockburn Elementary School District, within the Northeast School Region, within the Elkridge Planning Area. Tentative housing unit allocations were not available at the time this report was prepared. This project will comply with the requirements of the Howard County Forest Conservation Manual. The Petitioner has submitted a forest stand delineation, preliminary forest conservation plan and worksheet for this project. As proposed, this project will meet its forest conservation obligation by retaining 0.94 acres of forest onsite, providing 0.06 acres of reforestation planting onsite and making a fee-in-lieu payment of \$8,167.50 for the remaining 0.25 acre of reforestation obligation.
- H. A preliminary landscape plan has been submitted as a part of this plan, SP-06-12. The final landscape plan(s) will be submitted with the final subdivision plan and/or site development plan(s) and will comply with the requirements of the Howard County Landscape Manual.
- I. Approximately 142 feet of the west side of the site fronts on Ilchester Road and approximately 485 feet of the south side of the site fronts on Landing Road, both of which are Howard County Designated Scenic Roads.
- J. There is no known historic site or cemetery on this site.
- K. This site is not located within any Historic District boundary.

#### Planning Board Criteria:

In accordance with Section 107.E.6 of the Zoning Regulations, the following criteria must be considered by the Planning Board when evaluating this preliminary equivalent sketch plan:

A. The proposed layout of lots and open space effectively protects environmental and historic resources.

The plan proposes 2 open space lots that will contain a springhead, a stream buffer, wetlands, a wetland buffer and areas of forest retention and reforestation planting. These environmental and forest resources will be preserved and protected on the two open space lots that are to be dedicated to a HOA. This plan does not propose any disturbance within the environmental areas on this site. This site contains no historic resources.

B. Buildings, parking areas, roads, stormwater management facilities and other site features are located to take advantage of existing topography and to limit the extent of clearing and grading.

The 6 proposed SFD units and the 1 existing SFD unit to remain and their required parking will be located on the 7 proposed SFD buildable lots, which contain no part of any environmental area. The proposed public water, public sewer utility connections, private access place and SWMF do not disturb any environmental area. The proposed site layout, clearing and grading have been designed to not disturb any environmental areas and to preserve existing forest, where possible, adjacent to most of the site frontage along the two scenic roads.

C. Setbacks, landscape buffers, or other methods are proposed to buffer the development from existing neighborhoods or roads, especially scenic roads or historic districts.

A 75 foot building setback is required from the two adjacent scenic roads and a 30 foot building setback is required from the adjacent properties. Due to the site design, the building setback from Ilchester Road will be 86 feet for the proposed units on proposed Lots 1 and 2. The existing SFD unit to be retained on proposed Lot 7 will be set back 75 feet from Landing Road. The proposed SFD units on proposed Lots 2 – 6 will be a minimum distance of 30 feet from the adjacent properties. The retention of existing woods at least 35 feet in width were next to the two adjacent scenic public roads, reforestation planting and landscape planting will buffer the proposed SFD units and the SWMF from the adjacent scenic roads and adjacent properties.

A forest conservation easement (FCE) of mostly retention and an area of reforestation, woods retained and a Type B landscape planting (1 shade tree per 50 feet and one evergreen tree per 40 feet) on Open Space Lot 9 will buffer SFD buildable Lots 1, 2 and 7 from the two adjacent scenic roads. An area of woods to remain on Open Space Lot 8 will buffer the proposed SWMF from Landing Road. A FCE of mostly retention and an area of reforestation on Open Space Lot 8 will buffer the SWMF and SFD buildable Lot 6 from the adjacent properties along the east side of the site. A Type A landscape planting (1 shade tree per 60 feet) along the rear or north sides of Lots 2 – 6 will buffer them from the adjacent properties.

There is no Historic District adjacent to or near this site.

#### SRC Action:

By letter dated 4/5/07, the Subdivision Review Committee determined this plan to be "approvable", subject to compliance with the following summarized comments:

- Minor drafting and information corrections/additions. Α.
- B. Road design details and fire hydrant location.

This file can be viewed by the public at the Department of Planning and Zoning, George Howard Building, Ellicott City, Maryland, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Recommendation:

Based upon the above findings, the Department of Planning and Zoning recommends APPROVAL of preliminary sketch plan, SP-06-12, Weller Property, subject to compliance with the Subdivision Review Committee comments.

Marsha S. M. Laughlin, Director

Department of Planning and Zoning

08/23/07 Date

## SITE DATA TABULATION PRELIMINARY EQUIVALENT SKETCH PLAN GENERAL SITE DATA a.) PRESENT ZONING: R—ED b.) LOCATION; TAX MAP: 31, GRID 10, PARCEL 133 WELLER PROPERTY c.) APPLICABLE DPZ FILE REFERENCES: N/A d.) PROPOSED USE OF SITE: SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED RESIDENTIAL e.) PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS: PUBLIC 2. <u>AREA TABULATION</u> 1st. ELECTION DISTRICT - HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND b.) APPROXIMATE AREA OF 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN... c.) APPROX. AREA OF STEEP SLOPES (25% OR MORE)... e.) AREA OF THIS PLAN SUBMISSION... f.) AREA OF PROPOSED BUILDABLE LOTS... g.) AREA OF PROPOSED PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT—OF—WAY... h.) AREA OF REQUIRED OPEN SPACE (50% OF SITE AREA)...... I.) AREA OF PROPOSED OPEN SPACE LOTS... i.) AREA OF PROPSED NON-CREDIT OPEN SPACE ... 3. <u>DENSITY TABULATION</u> a.) NET AREA OF THE SITE ...... b.) TOTAL NUMBER OF BUILDABLE LOTS ALLOWED (2 D.U./NET AC.)..8 c.) TOTAL NUMBER OF BUILDABLE LOTS PROPOSED ..... FOR 1 EX. HOUSE TO REMAIN AND 6 PROPOSED SFD UNITS. a.) TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS/LOTS PROPOSED ON THIS SUBMISSION.... b.) TOTAL NUMBER OF OPEN SPACE LOTS PROPOSED... c.) TOTAL NUMBER OF NON—BUILDABLE LOTS PROPOSED... LEGEND SOILS CLASSIFICATION SOILS DELINEATION EXISTING CONTOURS (HOWARD COUNTY DIGITAL) LIMIT OF WETLANDS EXISTING STREAM EX. 25' WETLAND BUFFER 75' STREAM BUFFER PROPOSED LOD EXISTING WOODS LINE PROPOSED WOODS LINE EXISTING DRAINAGE EASEMENT PROPOSED TREE TF ----PROTECTION PROPOSED SUPER \_\_\_\_\_SF \_\_\_\_SF \_\_\_\_ SILT FENCE BGE YELLOW ZONE BGE GREEN ZONE EXISTING STRUCTURE EXISTING WELL PROPOSED PERCOLATION TEST OF THE PUBLIC SEWER LINES WITHIN THE SITE. EXISTING PERCOLATION TEST NON-WOODY BUFFER FCE-REFORESTATION AREA FCE-RETENTION AREA DRAINAGE EASEMENT NO DATE UTILITY EASEMENT PRIVATE ACCESS AREA EXISTING SEPTIC PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT COORDINATE CHART (NAD '83) SCALE: 1" = 50' BOUNDARY COORDINATES MINIMUM LOT SIZE CHART PROPOSED SWM ACCESS 200 571752.8026 1377182.8246 7,334 S.F. 573 S.F. 6,761 S.F. 571885.9136 8,021 S.F. 365 S.F. 7,656 S.F. 1377250.9588 NON-CREDITED FCE AREA 7,555 S.F. 170 S.F. 7,385 S.F. 571910.1333 1377581.8663 9.014 S.F. 1,009 S.F. 8,005 S.F. 203 571950.4622 1377710.9625 10,141 S.F. 1.108 S.F. 204 571683.0310 1377786.0255 205 571455.7303 1377594.3209 ENTATIVELY APPROVED DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT CHART SHEET INDEX HOWARD COUNTY AREA OF RETENTION FOREST FCE AREA OF REFORESTATION TOTAL DESCRIPTION FCE 1 0.70 ACRE 0.02 ACRE 0.72 ACRE PRELIMINARY EQUIVALENT SKETCH TITLE SHEET PHONE: 410-465-4244 FCE 2 0.24 ACRE 0.04 ACRE 0.28 ACRE PRELIMINARY EQUIVALENT SKETCH PLAN GRADING AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN TOTAL 0.94 ACRE 0.06 ACRE 1.00 ACRES FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN FOREST CONSERVATION NOTES AND DETAILS PLANNING DIRECTOR DATE

BENCH MARKS NAD'83 HO. CO. #31E6 3/4" REBAR 0.5' BELOW SURFACE S' SOUTHWEST OF ILCHESTER ROAD PAVING 500'± WEST OF WHARF LANE. N 570852.3717 E 1376700.6467 3/4" REBAR 0.5' BELOW SURFACE 9' SOUTHEAST OF ILCHESTER ROAD PAVING 250'± WEST OF BEECHWOOD ROAD E 1377504.0332 HO. CO. BM#2745004 ELEV. 364.78 USED FOR VERTICAL CONTROL. SCALE: 1"=2000' GENERAL NOTES

1.) ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROJECT SHALL BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE LATEST HOWARD COUNTY STANDARDS UNLESS WAIVER (S) HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

LOCATION: TAX MAP 31, GRID 10 . PARCEL 133

TOTAL TRACT AREA: 4.05 ACRES

"NUMBER OF PROPOSED LOTS: 9 TOTAL (7 BUILDABLE LOTS FOR 1 EX. HOUSE TO REMAIN AND 6 PROPOSED SFD UNITS AND 2 OPEN SPACE LOTS)."

3.) PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT.

4.) TRACT BOUNDARY BASED ON DEED FOR PARCEL 133.

5.) TOPOGRAPHY FROM FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY BENCHMARK ENGINEERING ON OR ABOUT

6.) THE COORDINATES SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED UPON THE HOWARD COUNTY GEODETIC CONTROL WHICH IS BASED UPON THE MARYLAND STATE PLANE COORDINATE NOS. 3166 AND

7.) WETLAND DELINEATION PROVIDED BY ECO-SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS, INC. DATED

8.) FOREST STAND DELINEATION PROVIDED BY ECO-SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS, INC. DATED

9.) A NOISE STUDY IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS SITE

10 ) ALL LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE LANDSCAPE MANUAL SHALL

11.) NO DISTURBANCE SHALL OCCUR IN THE WETLANDS, 25' WETLAND BUFFER, 50' STREAM BUFFER OR FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. EXCEPT AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN.

12.) MINIMUM BUILLDABLE LOT SIZE SHALL BE 6,000 SQUARE FEET FOR SINGLE FAMILY

13.) THIS PROJECT IS WITHIN THE HOWARD COUNTY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

14.) STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A BIO-RETENTION FACILITY FOR WOV SHASSEU SWALES FUR REY AND A DETENTION FACILITY FOR CPV. ALL FACILITIES TO BE CLASS 'A' STRUCTURES. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY SHALL BE OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

15.) TO THE BEST OF THE OWNER'S KNOWLEDGE THERE ARE NO CEMETERY LOCATIONS ONSITE.

16.) SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR THIS PROJECT

17.) FOREST CONSERVATION OBLIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16.1202 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODES AND FOREST CONSERVATION MANUAL FOR THIS SITE WILL BE MET BY THE RETENTION OF 40,946 SF @ \$0.20 AND REFORESTATION OF 2,614 SF @ \$0.50 AND PAYMENT OF \$8, 167.50 TO HOWARD COUNTY FOR FEE-IN LIEU OF FOREST CONSERVATION,

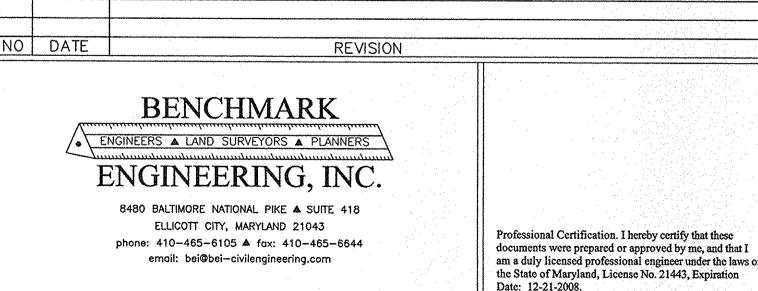
FOR 10, 890 SF OF FOREST CONSERVATION OBLIGATION. 18.) AN APFO TRAFFIC ANALYSIS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT. THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED MORE THEN 1-1/2 MILES FROM THE NEAREST INTERSECTION OF TWO (2) MAJOR

19.) THIS PLAN CONFORMS TO THE AMENDED FIFTH EDITION OF THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 13, 2004.

20.) THE DECISION AND ORDER FOR PB \_\_\_\_\_(380) WAS SIGNED ON \_\_\_\_\_ FOR

21.) THE SEPTIC SYSTEM FOR THE EXISTING HOUSE SHALL BE ABANDONED UPON COMPLETION

22.) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION SECTION 16.121 (a) (4) (i). THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE RECREATION OPEN SPACE BECAUSE IT PROPOSES LESS THAN TEN RESIDENTIAL UNITS/LOTS.



OWNER/DEVELOPER: WELLER PROPERTY CASCADE WALTHUR, L.L.C. TAX MAP 31, GRID 10, PARCEL 133 P.O. BOX 417 1st. ELECTION DISTRICT HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21041

PRELIMINARY EQUIVALENT SKETCH TITLE SHEET JUNE, 2006 PROJECT NO. 1817 DESIGN: WEO DRAFT: WEO CHECK: DAM | SCALE: AS SHOWN

